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H Assume forthcoming study Communist takeover Eastern European
P countries has same purpose previous study Baltic States viz.
OLI as political and psychological war weapon directed at Communist
OCB regimes. We trust every detail planning program will bear that
USIA objective in mind lest through accent on publicity objective
CIA inadvertently be jeopardized. Present plan to centralize opera-
OSD tions Munich where public hearings would be held appears to us
to run unnecessary risk playing into hands local and special
interest groups to detriment committee's main objective.

Munich is headquarters major US propaganda instruments concerned exclusively with objective overthrowing or as minimum creating disaffection within Soviet Union and satellites. All operate within framework US policy. Radio Free Europe as result size and nature operations is in particularly sensitive position. Munich also center virtually every East European refugee organ, many of which have special interests in no way identified with security or interests of US. Such organs frequently lose sight objective combat communism in pursuit own interest. RFE right now under new and heavy attack especially by Sudeten Deutsche expellees and Slovak separatists. Present campaign touched off by recent interrogation Ripka by Jenner Committee. Hearing on Czechoslovakia and Poland if held Munich almost sure raise issues that would provide these factions ammunition they seek against RFE/NCFE. They will be knocking at committee's door and trying influence it for purpose of capitalizing publicity-wise their own organs. Existing schisms among emigre groups will sharpen, thus hindering possibilities settling many these conflicts which only possible by quiet patient effort along lines pursued past few years.

In past Bonn Government has been able restrain expellee-refugee pressures on RFE, but publicity and new pressures alleging RFE contrary German interests could weaken Bonn's defense of RFE and reopen question RFE's freedom from German influence and

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even question operations German soil. This would inevitably jeopardize operations other two stations, Radio Liberation and VOA, one private other official, but both furthering US cause.

Department no (repeat no) doubt aware possibilities public hearings Germany will examine effect US policy decisions on Communist takeover Eastern Europe. For example:

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